

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE CHANGE  
(PRIORITY MAIL)

Docket No. MC2011–26

**NOTICE OF MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGES**  
(July 26, 2011)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service hereby submits this Notice of Minor Classification Changes, regarding the following changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) for Priority Mail packaging. For Priority Mail boxes, the Postal Service intends to clarify that the size limitations for each type of box will be based on cube size, rather than specific, discrete dimensions. These dimensions may often vary between customized packaging provided to commercial customers and standardized packaging available at retail. Moving toward cube-based size limitations will eliminate any confusion in the marketplace, and will more closely align with the Postal Service's package offerings. Additionally, the new classification language will provide a range for the dimensions of Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelopes. This range will be more consistent with the Postal Service's actual approach to Flat Rate Envelope packaging options for both retail and commercial customers.

Overall, these classification changes will make the size limitation language in the MCS more uniform across all types of packaging and all price categories within the Priority Mail product. A copy of the updated MCS reflecting the changes described above follows as an attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

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2110.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum				70 pounds
Flat Rate Envelope	<del>Nominal Sizes for Regular, Padded, and Legal:</del> <u>No smaller than 5 x 10 inches and no larger than 9.5 x 15 inches</u> <del>Regular: 9.5 x 12.5 inches</del> <del>Padded: 10 x 13 inches</del> <del>Legal: 9.5 x 15.0 inches</del>			
Flat Rate Box	<del>Nominal Sizes:</del> Large: <del>12.25 x 12.25 x 6.0 inches or 11.875 x 3.125 x 24.0625 inches</del> <u>Various sizes that meet the criteria of a machinable parcel as defined in the DMM.</u> – approximately 1/2 cu. ft. Medium: <del>11.875 x 3.375 x 13.625 inches or 11 x 8.5 x 5.5 inches</del> <u>Various sizes that meet the criteria of a machinable parcel as defined in the DMM.</u> – approximately 1/3 cu. ft. Small: <del>8.625 x 5.375 x 1.625 inches</del> <u>Various sizes that meet the criteria of a machinable parcel as defined in the DMM.</u> – approximately 1/20 cu. ft.			
Regional Rate Box A	<del>Outside Dimensions:</del> <del>Top Loaded: 10.125 x 7.125 x 5.0 inches</del> <del>Side Loaded: 13.0625 x 11.0625 x 2.5 inches</del> <u>Various sizes that meet the criteria of a machinable parcel as defined in the DMM.</u> <u>- approximately .21 cu. ft.</u>			15 pounds

Regional Rate Box B	<p>Outside Dimensions:</p> <p><del>Top Loaded: 12.25 x 10.5 x 5.5 inches</del></p> <p><del>Side Loaded: 16.25 x 14.5 x 3 inches</del></p> <p><u>Various sizes that meet the criteria of a machinable parcel as defined in the DMM.</u></p> <p><u>- approximately .41 cu. ft.</u></p>	20 pounds
Commercial Plus Cubic	<p><u>Various sizes that meet the criteria of a machinable parcel as defined in the DMM.</u></p> <p><u>- approximately .1 to .5 cu. ft. <del>1/2 cubic foot</del></u></p>	20 pounds
All Others	108 inches in combined length and girth	70 pounds